

## REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 13 through 26 are pending, with Claims 13 and 19 being independent.

Claims 13 and 19 have been amended.

Claims 13 through 17, 19 through 23, 25, and 26 yet again were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over US 2002/0163666 A1 (Iwata, et al.). Claims 18 and 24 yet again were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Iwata, et al. in view of US 7,307,751 B2 (Aritomi).

All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 13 and 19 variously recite, *inter alia*, providing, when the virtual printer set to a second output method is designated, a second user interface of the virtual printer without performing the conflict process, the second user interface (a) including a setting item for independently setting a representative member printer in the plurality of member printers grouped as the virtual printer and (b) not including a setting item for independently setting other member printers of the plurality of member printers grouped as the virtual printer.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that neither Iwata, et al. nor Aritomi, even in the proposed combination, assuming, *arguendo*, that such could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 13 and 19.

The Official Action makes reference, for example, to Iwata, et al.'s Fig. 39, but Applicant submits that this figure and the remainder of Iwata, et al. contain neither a description nor a suggestion of at least the above-discussed claimed features which require,

*inter alia*, independently setting a representative member printer and not including a setting item for independently setting other member printers.

Applicant also submits that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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